

## SIBERIAN EXILE TO BE ABOLISHED BY THE CZAR.

Russia's Ruler Desires to Remove the Curse of Penalism and to Develop the Great Resources of the Region.

He Calls a Council and Orders a Commission to Consider the Substitution of Some More Humane Punishment.

Trans-Siberian Railway Is Opening to Commerce a Vast Country, Infinite in Its Possibilities for Business.

St. Petersburg, May 19.—The Czar himself presided at a meeting of the Council called to consider the abolition of transportation to Siberia as a penalty for crime. The matter received imperial cognizance because the employment of Siberia as a penal colony seriously interferes with the development of that province.

As a result of the conference the Czar ordered that a commission over which the Minister of Justice, Privy Councillor Muraviev, is to preside, shall consider the substitution of some other penalty for transportation to Siberia.

Through development of Siberia and not consideration for convicts is the motive of the Czar in considering a change in the manner and place of punishment for crime, yet none the less important is this promised reform in the penal system of Russia. Philanthropy has been shocked by the hardships imposed on Russian convicts, particularly on the route to the inhospitable North. These hardships have been brought close to the attention of the American people by the writings and lectures of George Kennan.

The material prosperity of Siberia, the purpose of the Czar, is worthy particular attention, since the construction of the trans-Siberian Railway has opened to communication the remote places of this hermit land. Popular misapprehension pictures Siberia as a waste of desert and frozen steppes. The facts show that Siberia is a fertile land, whose fields of grain may be expected to come into competition in the markets with the cereal products of the United States and India. The development of Siberia may change the commercial course of the world.

The Attorneys of the Russians, singularly progressive in many phases of his authority, though lamentably conservative and even oppressive in some other expressions of his power, has shown an ardent interest in the awakening of his boreal possessions and gives this interest new direction by taking steps to remove from Siberia the curse that falls upon every penal colony.

Chicago, May 19.—Responses to the call issued by the Civic Federation for a conference in Chicago on June 26 to discuss the problem of trusts are being received every day from all parts of the country. Among those who have already accepted are: Governor J. McLaughlin, of Mississippi; Governor James A. Mount, of Indiana; Governor W. A. Poynter, of Nebraska; Edward C. Crow, Attorney-General of Missouri; T. S. Smith, Attorney-General of Arkansas; Edgar P. Rucker, Attorney-General of West Virginia; S. A. Robinson, New York Board of Trade and Transportation; Henry White, general secretary United Government Works of America; Willis Young, president of the Northwestern Traveling Association; George Preston, secretary-treasurer International Association of Machinists.

Governor Roosevelt, of New York; Governor Wolcott, of Massachusetts; and Governor Pingree, of Michigan, will attend if their official duties permit.

Chicago Hopes TO GET ROUGH RIDERS. Wants Them to Take Part in a Parade There in October Next—Roosevelt at the Head.

Chicago, May 19.—Roosevelt's Rough Riders, led by Colonel Roosevelt, may be one of the many interesting features of the parade which will be reviewed by President McKinley at the laying of the cornerstone of Chicago's new post office building on October 9 next.

The committee planning the demonstration met at the army headquarters today to discuss preliminary arrangements and the members expressed strong hopes of getting Colonel Roosevelt to attend. The present indications are that 50,000 people will be in line. The general Federal Committee will meet next week to consider the plans of the Parade Committee.

## CROKER LOSES HIS FAVORITE HORSE TO AN ENGLISH RACING MAN

When Almost Discouraged by His Hard Luck on the Turf He Wins His First Race, and the Winner Is Bid In.

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London, May 19.—Richard Croker won his first race of the season today at Salisbury track, but lost the winner, Wantage Belle, his favorite horse.  
It was a selling plate, and Wantage Belle was bid in by Captain Jackson, owner of one of the defeated horses.  
The victory, though costly, encouraged Croker much, and he will go at racing more earnestly. He has been much discouraged over the outlook, and actually gave an order a week ago to sell his whole stable. He was going to quit the business.

His closest friend, David Nagle, with whom he lives when in London, persuaded him to countermand the order.  
"The horses are all right," said Nagle, "and only need good handling. Pick out the poorest one in the stable and I will bet a suit of clothes it will win the first race in which it is entered."  
"Done," said Croker, laughingly.  
Wantage Belle, although Croker's favorite, was considered least liable to win, so it was selected. Nothing more was thought

## MYSTERY OF COFFIN FILLED WITH STONES

Plan to Swindle Kansas Benevolent Organizations Fails.

SMALLPOX A FACTOR. Beneficiary Sent Word to His Home That He Had Died of It.

Fort Scott, Kan., May 19.—Thomas O'Toole, a patent medicine manufacturer of this city, was an easy man to solicit for life insurance. He carried \$10,000 on his life in local lodges of the Modern Woodmen, Royal Neighbors and Woodmen of the World, and when word reached here a few weeks ago that O'Toole had died in a remote part of Texas of smallpox there was great consternation in lodge circles.

Suspicious persons in the lodges demanded that before the money be paid to Mrs. O'Toole, who was insistent in her demands for it, an investigation be made into the treasure. Why O'Toole went clear into the wilds of Texas to die of a disease that would not admit of his body being brought home. The investigation was made, and O'Toole was arrested to-day away down on the Texas border, just as he was crossing into Mexico.

The committee appointed to investigate the death of the patent medicine man went to Texas, and found that the place from which the alleged death had been reported was almost far enough away from ordinary lines of travel to be considered off the map. This in itself aroused suspicion, as there was no sale for patent medicines away out there, but Mrs. O'Toole explained that he had gone out to gather herbs for the manufacture of his remedies. However, the investigation went on just the same.

After much trouble it was found that the record of O'Toole's death was straightened out along the border, with the result that in which he was supposed to have died, but the doctor who treated him could not be found, and it is supposed that O'Toole had purchased the practitioner himself. Thorough search at last revealed the supposed burial place of the alleged dead man, and there was no without misgivings that the investigators tackled the job of exhuming a smallpox-stricken corpse.

They dug down and unearthed a coffin that was heavy enough to have contained two men of the size of O'Toole. When they opened it they discovered that it had been nearly filled with rocks.

The fact of the discovery was kept as secret as possible in order to allow the authorities to trace the supposed dead man, but he undoubtedly had confederates somewhere in the neighborhood, for it has been found that he was in hiding near by and "skipped out" as soon as the coffin was discovered.

It was surmised that he would try to get to Mexico, and watch was kept for him along the border, with the result that he was captured to-day. Mrs. O'Toole left Fort Scott last Wednesday—shortly after the discovery of the rock-filled coffin—and her present whereabouts are unknown. The patent medicine man will be brought here for trial.

FLOWER WORTH \$6,575,000. Of This Amount Only \$75,000 Was in Real Estate.

Watertown, N. Y., May 19.—The Standard to-day prints a story stating upon information furnished to Surrogate Charles L. Adams, that former Governor Flower was worth at the time of his death \$6,575,000. Of this amount \$6,500,000 was personal property, and \$75,000 real estate.

## KING LEAR'S PART PLAYED IN LIFE.

Millionaire John H. Welsh Brought to Court by His Own Daughter.

HAD GIVEN HER HIS ALL.

Sad Story Told by an Old Man Whose Kindness to His Own Ruined Him.

WEPT BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.

Charges His Daughter's Husband, George Raymond, with Having Taken His Property and Estranged His Family.

John H. Welsh, a millionaire retired jeweler, residing at No. 120 West Eighty-fifth street, was put under \$2,000 bonds to keep the peace for six months by Magistrate Denel, in the West Side Police Court, yesterday afternoon, the charge being that he threatened to kill his daughter and her husband, George Raymond, at their residence, No. 5 West Eighty-third street.

In the Police Court Mr. Welsh exhibited newspaper clippings containing accounts of the Masterton-Piomb murder case. He wept as he told his story.

John H. Welsh was a poor boy with nobody to help him make his way in the world. When the gold fever struck the East he was among the first to plunge into the wilderness in quest of wealth. He became intimately associated with James G. Fair, D. O. Mills, John W. Mackay and other forty-miners, and returned to this city with a competency.

He established himself in the jewelry business in Madison Lane, and made money, which he invested in real estate, and in a very few years was regarded as one of the shrewdest speculators in the city. He purchased and furnished a beautiful home at No. 120 West Eighty-fifth street, where he installed his wife and two handsome daughters.

He denied his daughters nothing. When the elder daughter was married to George Raymond, a bright young business man, Mr. Welsh insisted that the young couple should make their home with him. Then Raymond, according to Mr. Welsh's statement, induced him to deed to himself and Mrs. Raymond the houses Nos. 271 and 273 Greenwich street, worth \$40,000. He says they also tried to get from him his residence, Quarrels followed, and lawsuits. Mr. Welsh drove Raymond and his wife from his house, and Mrs. Welsh, taking her daughter's part, left also.

Mr. Welsh became possessed of the idea that his daughter and her husband wished to drive him out of house and home a pauper. At last, more like an insane man than a responsible being, he went to his daughter's home on Thursday night and demanded that he be given his own again. "I am an old man," said he, "and I have given you all I had. I don't want to be a charge on the community. Send me back the houses you took from me and I will trouble you no more." The daughter and her husband told him to begone.

This daughter had her father haled before Magistrate Denel, charging him with having threatened to kill her and her athletic-looking husband. The man was a pitiful, not a dangerous, object. But the daughter and her husband insisted that he was murderous, so the Magistrate put him under bonds. Mr. Welsh began an action in the Supreme Court to recover his property.

The Raymonds live in a handsome brownstone house. Mr. Raymond refused last night to say any more than "We have the best of the case."

CAYENNE PEPPER VICTIM IS BETTER. Miss Comery, the Derby Teacher, Punished Another Infantile Scholar in the Same Way.

Derby, Conn., May 19.—John Trip, the seven-year-old son of Horace Trip, of Malby street, whose teacher, Miss Mary Comery, on Wednesday afternoon made him take a mouthful of Cayenne pepper because he persisted in whispering, is somewhat improved and now seems likely to recover. He was in delirium at night, but his temperature has decreased to 100.

A. J. Burgess, local agent of the Connecticut Humane Society, is investigating the case. It now appears that on Wednesday Miss Comery also administered Cayenne pepper, though in a lighter dose, to the eight-year-old son of Charles Hammond, of Keen street. He is confined to the house with inflammation of the eyes, but no serious results are feared in his case.

Miss Comery says that the mother of one of her pupils advised her to use the pepper.

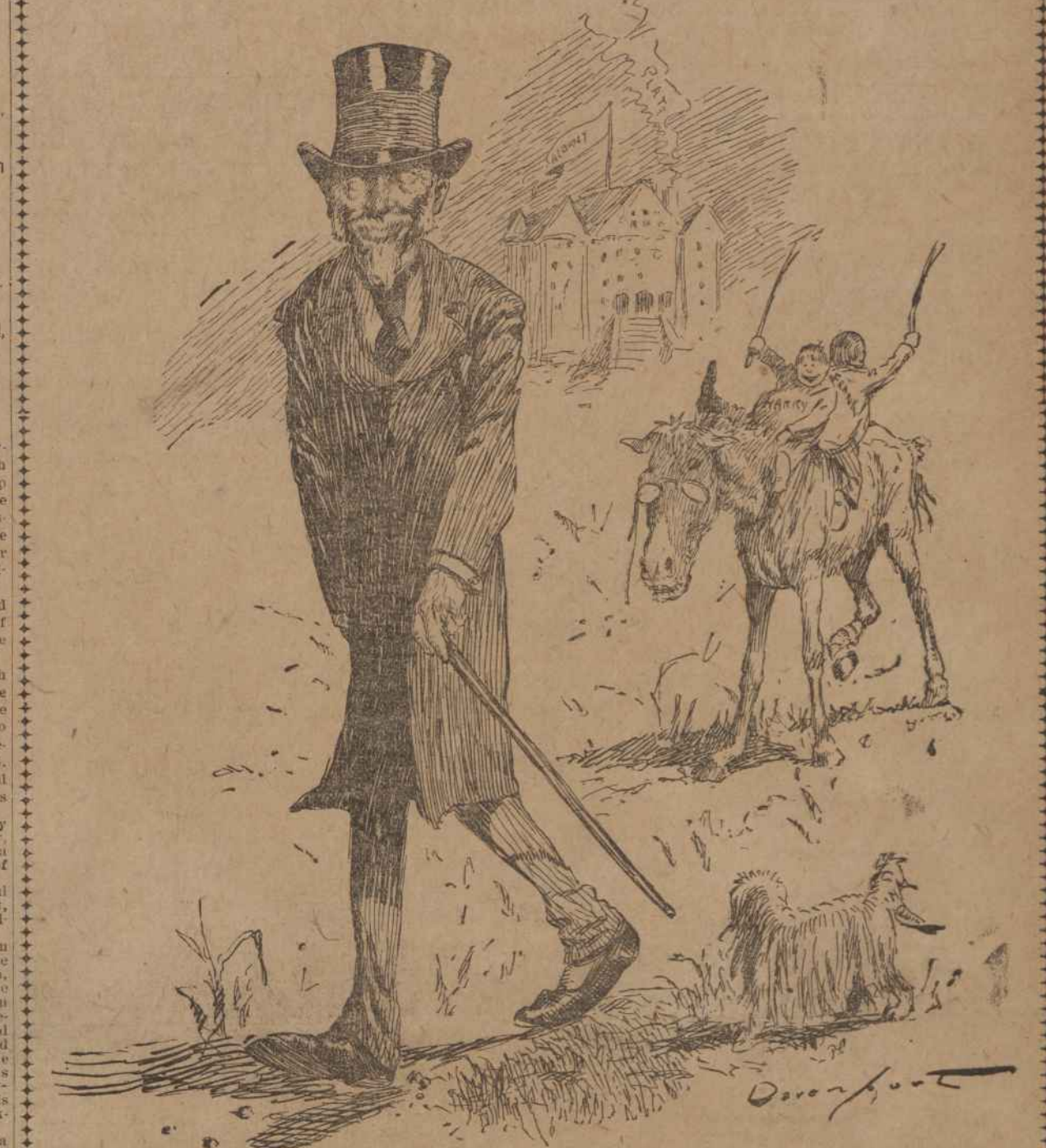
MAJOR THOMAS BREWS JULEPS FOR THE BELMONT. The New Yorkers Visit Hira Villa Farm and Try Some Forty-Year-Old Kentucky Whiskey.

Lexington, Ky., May 19.—Perry Belmont and his wife were entertained by the venerable Major B. G. Thomas at Hira Villa Farm to-day.

After looking over the thoroughbreds, including a bay colt by Hanover, dam Man-nie Hinyar, full sister to Domino, that came this morning, the Major brewed one of his famous mint juleps for the couple with his forty-four-year-old whiskey.

## RESULT OF POW-WOW BETWEEN ROOSEVELT AND PLATT ON THE FORD BILL IS

THOROUGHLY BROKEN—BEEN USED TO A MACHINE.



UNCLE EASY—Even the Boys can ride him. I've got him all right at last.

## LACE SMUGGLER EMBERSON CAUGHT

New York Merchant Whose Illicit Trade Is Said to Have Reached \$10,000,000.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 19.—Thomas Emberson, once a well known lace merchant of New York City, but for the past year in exile at Toronto, Canada, was arrested here last night by Special Agent Charles Lewis, of the United States Treasury Department.

Emberson, it is alleged by customs officers, has, during the past ten years, smuggled lace goods to the value of \$10,000,000 into the United States. He was not, they say, discovered to be a smuggler until about a year ago, when several New York wholesale merchants and the Lace Association found that he was selling his goods at a suspiciously low price.

When an official investigation was begun Emberson fled to Canada and has remained there since, carrying on negotiations through New York attorneys for a settlement of the case. He left Toronto on a Grand Trunk train on Thursday afternoon, and when it arrived at Niagara Falls he was immediately recognized by the Treasury detective.

The prisoner was kept under guard at a hotel until to-night, when he was turned over to Chinese Inspector O'Meara, who left him for New York.

The customs officials here got after Emberson over a year ago, and in March, 1898, seized his stock of laces, valued at \$150,000, which were stored at No. 353 Broadway. His lawyer, ex-Judge Ditton, however, said at the time that a stupendous mistake had been made, and all sorts of things were threatened against the Government's officers.

Emberson has been known in the lace trade of this country and Europe for thirty years, and has had an extraordinarily long career. He has implicated others in the predicament, among them Robert Little, once engineer of the steamship Belle Plaire, by the Sheriff, who brought the girl back to Marshalltown.

Emberson's home he took her round to the residence of his business partner, the widow secured from the Court an order for the possession of the feeble-minded daughter. This girl has been in Dever, but was on her way to Chicago in care of several Sisters of Humility when the order was issued. The party passed through Marshalltown, but overhauled at Belle Plaire by the Sheriff, who brought the girl back to Marshalltown.

## SHERIFF SEIZES A GIRL ON A TRAIN.

Takes Millionaire's Heir from Nun's Charge and Gives Her to Stepmother.

Marshalltown, Iowa, May 19.—The courts have been resorted to in the effort to settle the estate of the late H. E. J. Boardman, of this city, and already legal steps which seem to be a prelude to one of the most stubborn battles in the history of Iowa have been taken.

Boardman was one of the pioneer residents of Iowa. He was a shrewd business man as well as lawyer, and had accumulated a fortune estimated at \$2,000,000. He died a few weeks ago, leaving a widow and two children by a former wife, Mrs. Della L. B. Conover, of Chicago, and Miss Annette Goodin Boardman.

When the will was probated it was found that Boardman had left but a few thousand dollars, one-third of which was willed to the widow. The bulk of his property had been disposed of before his death to his daughter, Mrs. Conover, and a nephew, C. H. E. Boardman, the latter being named trustee. The other daughter, who is feeble-minded, was provided for in the will.

The widow has instituted suit asking that the nephew and the daughter account for all property given them by Boardman in the past seventeen years, during which time, it is alleged, he was of unsound mind.

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I. T. Burden Citizen of Newport. I. Townsend Burden and William Dehon King, of New York, have signed their intention to become citizens of Newport, R. I., by signing their names to the registry books of the City Hall in Belle Plaire by the Sheriff, who brought the girl back to Marshalltown.

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Governor Threatens to Sign the Measure at Once if Any Amendments but His Own Are Contemplated.

Machine Men and Corporation Agents Prophecy That He Will Ultimately Accept Their Emasculations.

CONFERENCES between Governor Roosevelt, Senator Platt and other Republican machine leaders and corporation lawyers in this city yesterday to map out a programme for the extra session of the Legislature, developed that the Governor and the machine are still at loggerheads over the Ford Franchise Tax bill, the Governor parting from Platt with a threat to sign it unless one more agreeable to him be framed by next Monday night.

That the Mayor having vetoed the Bi-Partisan Elections Commissioners bill, the Governor will urge the Legislature to pass a new bill, which will necessitate a recess of fifteen days to enable the Mayor to act again.

That the pushing through of a State Constabulary bill will be made conditional upon the length of the contest over the Ford bill. That for the present there is to be no attempt to renew rapid transit legislation.

These conclusions were reached at a three hours' conference in Senator Platt's apartments at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. It began just after 4 p. m. and lasted until nearly 7. There were present the Senator, the Governor, Chairman Odell, of the Republican State Committee; A. B. Boardman and Frank H. Platt, son of the Senator—both of Tracy, Boardman & Platt—County Chairman Quigg and former Justice William N. Cohen. Just before the meeting broke up Edward Lauterbach appeared.

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He informed Senator Platt that he would sign the Ford bill as passed or would accept it with the following amendments only: 1. That franchisees shall be valued and assessed by the State

## NINETY-YEAR-OLD COUPLE ELOPE.

Binghamton, N. Y., May 19.—An elopement, which is a record-breaker as far as the ages of the principals are concerned, has just occurred at the village of Franklin. The pair, who have outwitted their objecting relatives are James Crawford and Miss Edith Johnson. Each is ninety years old and wealthy. They had been engaged for some time.